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SUBJECT: MIXING REGULATIONS ON SOYBEANS AND POWDERED SKIM MILK

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1. DURING LUNCHEON DECEMBER 16 WITH SEVERAL HIGH RANKING BELGIAN
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS, WE HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS EC
PROPOSAL REQUIRING USE OF POWDERED SKIM MILK IN ANIMAL FEED RATIONS.

THEY INDICATED COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CONSIDERING REQUIRING
TWO PERCENT ADDITION POWDERED SKIM MILK IN ANIMAL RATIONS

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(PRIMARILY PORK AND POULTRY). THEY REPEATED BELGIAN CONCERN

RE COST OF SKIM MILK STOCKS TO COMMUNITY IN GENERAL AND
BELGIUM IN PARTICULAR (I.E., THEY CALCULATED BELGIAN PER CAPITA
COST OF MILK STOCKS AT 500 BF.).

2. WE REPEATED U.S. POSITION AS PER REF A. BELGIANS WELL AWARE OF
U.S. CONCERN AND INDICATED THEY DID NOT THINK EC LIKELY TO
ADOPT FINAL POSITION RE MIXING REQUIREMENT UNTIL
MARCH OR APRIL 1976 AT EARLIEST.

3. BELGIAN OFFICIALS AGREED MIXING REQUIREMENT MAY VIOLATE
GATT ARTICLE III BUT DID NOT SPECULATE ON FINAL DECISION BY EC.

4. BELGIAN MIXED FEED MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION INFORMED US THAT
THEY PLAN TO SUBMIT WRITTEN PROTEST OF EC PROPOSAL TO MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE LAVENS.

5. ACCORDING TO OUR ESTIMATES, A TWO PERCENT MANDATORY INCORPORATION
OF POWDERED SKIM MILK IN HOG AND POULTRY RATIONS COULD DISPLACE
APPROXIMATELY 80,000 TONS OF SOYBEAN MEAL IN BELGIUM. FIRESTONE

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